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REPORT

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Too great emphasis cannot be laid on the fact that the conversion to God of young people and encouraging and directing them in their Christian life and service, is the chief aim of those who are actively identified with the work briefly outlined in this Report. All other work is only carried on as a means to this one all important end and no department can continue which fails in this essential aim.

The original intention of the promoters of the Institute was to organize a Point St. Charles Young Men's Christian Association, and to that end a Public Meeting was called and held in Fraternity Hall in the summer of 1892, when a committee representing several denominations was appointed and steps taken to erect a building on land offered for the purpose by the Trustees of the Congregational church. The

directors of the Young Men's Christian Association appoved the movement and had plans prepared for such a building and an estimate of cost, but the burthen of its Dominion Square building, then in course of erection, was found too great to permit of branch work and the scheme was abandoned. It was, however, taken up and agitated by the Cromwell Cadets, a report of whose work will follow.

Finally, Mr. Cushing acquired a property contiguous to that already offered, known as the Victoria Bridge Hotel, with adjacent land. The Hotel building was turned to the uses of a free public reading-room, class-rooms, and Manager's apartments, and the present substantial building named "O'Brien Hall" in honor of the founder of the Cromwell Cadets was erected alongside. The total value of the land, buildings and equipment, is upwards of $20,000, and this whole property has been leased for five years by Mr. Cushing, to the Trustees of the Institute, at a nominal rent of one dollar per annum, with the privilege of acquiring it at any time during the lease for the reduced sum of $15,000.

To secure not only the necessary means for

carrying on the work of the Institute, outlined in the present report, but also to secure the property for the permanent benefit of the residents of Point St. Charles is the aim which the present management have in view and in which they respectfully and most earnestly seek the aid and sympathy of their fellow citizens.

Heretofore the Manager and Gymnastic Instructors, as well as the officers of the Institute, have given without charge services altogether too exhausting to be continued from year to year, and the need of a paid secretary, who can give his whole time to the work, has become essential to its success. And in addition to his salary, the charges for heating, lighting and repairs in the extensive buildings covered by the work of the Institute are considerable, and although the residents at the Point are well disposed they are far from wealthy, and there is not in the community that element of well-to-do young men who are so valuable an aid to the Montreal Young Men's Christian Association.

During the past winter, the Montreal Association was approached and offered the work and in their reply they state that "they have examined

"the work and find a large and most important "field for the special work which the Association "is qualified to undertake and which is not in any "adequate degree reached or covered by the "central building, but that the churches of the "Point at the present time are greatly depressed "financially, and cannot be depended upon for "any considerable amount of money aid to carry "on the work, and the Montreal Association does "not see any funds available for such an under-"taking."

The reasons given by the Montreal Y.M.C.A. for declining to undertake the work are precisely those upon which the Institute base their appeal to their fellow citizens, and they are persuaded that they will not look in vain for liberal support.

No other section of Montreal contains as many Protestant young men, and here is found the back-bone of our volunteer force and of mechanical industry in Montreal; including a large proportion of the operatives in the great manufacturing establishments of the city.

The Congregational church, the most recently formed congregation at Point St. Charles, has in this, as Congregationalists have in many other

religious and philanthropic movements in Montreal, taken the initiative in the firm conviction that the worthiness of the cause will rally to its support those who have made Montreal famous for benevolence, in all that tends to the spiritual, moral and physical development of its citizens.

Special Services.

The religious work of the Institute is included in the reports of the various Societies connected with the Institutional church, but special efforts were made by the Board of the Institute, on the occasion of the visit of the Rev. B. Fay Mills to Montreal, when the whole of the buildings were placed at the disposal of the Mills' Committee, and sleighs secured and other means arranged whereby the members of the Institute might be brought under the influence of the various special services and, as a result of the Mills' meetings, a majority of the whole membership subsequently joined the various churches at Point St. Charles, more than fourscore joining the Congregational church, and greater numbers joining the larger churches.

In the beginning of January, of the current

year, the Rev. A. W. Estey, an Evangelist, was secured for special services, extending over the greater part of the month of January, which were very successful in building up Christians as well as among the unconverted.

Boys' Meetings.

A number of meetings for boys were held last fall, led by Mr. F. E. Dougall, which continued until Mr. Dougall left the city on an extended trip, and they gave abundant evidence that with a little organized effort there was a fine field of usefulness among the boys at Point St. Charles.

The use of the buildings of the Institute, including the Congregational House, O'Brien Hall, and the Lecture Room and Ladies' Parlor, have been freely given for all philanthropic purposes and have been occupied on one or more occasions each week, by the Women's Christian Temperance Union, the Young Women's Christian Temperance Union, the Committee of the Argyle Snow-Shoe Club, and the Free Drawing Classes of the Board of Arts and Manufactures, all of whom have generously aided the Institute.

Pleasant Sunday Afternoon Society.

This organization, which was designed, as the name implies, to influence those not reached by the usual church and Sabbath school agencies to a better observance of the Lord's day, and ultimately to lead into church fellowship, was formed by a number of workingmen, including some members of the Institute, on the lines of similar very successful societies in the mother country, the meetings being held from 4 to 5 p.m. in O'Brien Hall. The attendance has frequently been in the hundreds, the sessions invariably opening with one or more familiar hymns, the reading of a portion of scripture and offering of prayer, followed by an address and discussion. Among those who have taken part were the Revs. Messrs. Silcox, Courtice, Chown and Nicols, and Messrs. George Hague, H. B. Ames, R. S. Weir and others.

The meetings have been amply justified, but the desire to introduce subjects and speakers not in harmony with the Christian sentiment of the community led the directors of the Institute to withdraw the use of O'Brien Hall until they

could arrange to continue the services under their own control.

R. DONALDSON, Jr., *Cor. Sec.*

PENNY SAVINGS BANK.

One of the pleasant sights of the week is the trooping in of boys and girls on Saturday evening, to deposit their little savings of two cents and upwards, in the Penny Savings Bank. Interest is allowed on all deposits, at the rate of four per cent. per annum, and the deposits increase every year in number and amount, although each Christmas shows a heavy withdrawal, and as this is in keeping with the season, the directors have encouraged depositors by allowing interest to the end of December, on all sums not withdrawn until a day or two before Christmas.

At the present time, May 1895, there are 215 active accounts, representing $355.28.

GEO. W. MINGIE, *Treas.*

PHYSICAL DEPARTMENT.

The Gymnasium in connection with the Institute, having had valuable additions, including 108 lockers, hot and cold water, three shower

baths, etc., opened on the 1st of October last, with a membership of about eighty, of whom fifty were seniors and thirty juniors.

The classes, which were held on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday evenings, being remarkably well attended until skating began, when, as usual, the attendance dropped off somewhat, but, notwithstanding, was very good all through the winter.

Early in the season, a complimentary entertainment was given by the members of the senior class, which had the effect of bringing our work very prominently before the people of this part of the city, also in bringing in several new members. On the 25th of April last, we gave a closing entertainment which was a great success, and was very favorably commented upon by the Press and by several persons well qualified to give an opinion. We feel sure that next winter our membership will be much increased through our efforts to bring our Gymnasium more prominently before the public.

J. TOWNSEND, *Sec.*

Snowshoe Club.

The Snowshoe Club in connection with th Institute, was formed in November, with membership of about thirty.

A room was secured at the Athletic Clu House, Cote des Neiges, at a rental of $25, t which tramps were made every Friday evenin which were well attended. The time was sper pleasantly with music, singing, recitations, foo ball, etc., and occasionally a supper, provided b the Honorary President.

Saturday afternoon, the 9th of February, w held our steeplechase, in which ten members too part, although the day was very stormy.

Our thanks are due to Messrs. Welsh & Roug who very kindly drove the judges out to th Club House, and also to Messrs. H. Birks Sons, J. L. Gurd, D. Beatty, John Allan, Albe Demers, A. Whimby, Ward, Carmichael, Thomp son, Cowan, I. B. Thayer, J. W. Ross, J. W. Quip and S. Spindlo, who donated prizes for th races which were held in the Point St. Charl Driving Park, on the 16th February.

These are the first snowshoe races that ha

been held at the Point, and it is hoped that in the future athletic sports of all kinds will be held on grounds soon to be acquired for the purpose.

GEO. JENKIN, *Sec.*

FOOTBALL CLUB.

This Club started out in good shape this spring, our membership now being about seventy. Two teams have been put in the league, the first and second juniors.

Three matches have been played. The first was won by the first juniors against St. Matthew's Athletic Club by seven games to two; the second match was won by the second juniors against St. Matthew's juniors by two games to one; the third, played on the Exhibition Grounds, by the first juniors against the Metropolitans, by six games to nothing. This record we hope to keep up during the season and win the league prizes. We also hope by these means to keep our boys together through the summer months and augment our gymnasium and other classes during the coming winter.

J. C. MARSHALL, *Sec.*

Cromwell Cadets.

Chief Officer and Instructor.... Mr. M. O'Brien.
Pianist.. .... Miss Donaldson.
Assistant... ..... Miss Jane Robertson.
Junior Captain.. .... George Crutchlow.
Junior Lieutenants..... { Wm. Kingston. Geo. Kingston.

This famous corps, which was organized by the late Mr. Thomas O'Brien, brother of the present Chief Officer, and Captain of the ill-fated war canoe, "Minne-wa-wa," possesses the advantages of the Boys' Brigade with the addition of a girls' corps, and includes in its teaching drilling, calisthenics and light gymnastics. The uniform is very neat, the material being light grey with black trimmings.

The members are required to sign the triple pledge, against liquor, profanity, and tobacco, and to attend some church.

Wednesday is drill night, and classes for boys and girls, who are drilled separately, have been maintained throughout the season.

Free Reading Room.

The Library comprises about 250 volumes, to which there is much need of large additions. About 25 newspapers and periodicals are on

fyle, including in addition to the Montreal daily papers, the *Nineteenth Century*, *Graphic*, *London News*, *Punch*, *New York Independent*, *Literary Digest*, etc.

The Reading and Game Rooms were visited by upwards of ten thousand young men and boys during the year.

Games of checkers, chess, etc., have been liberally provided, and have proved a great attraction. During the early part of the winter the rooms were so overcrowded, that upon the departure from the city of Mr. Williams, who had given his evenings to the management of the reading and game rooms, it became necessary, owing to lack of funds to support a secretary or assistant, to greatly restrict the admissions. Thus many who are sadly in need of sympathy and counsel, and clean, bright, wholesome surroundings, were left to frequent the street corners.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

OF THE

POINT ST. CHARLES INSTITUTE.

May 1, 1894, to May 1, 1895.

RECEIPTS.

Members fees, ordinary $1 / Cromwell Cadets, 50c	$199.90
Subscriptions from Benefactors	241.70
Rents and Credit Balances	216.87
Total	$658.47

DISBURSEMENTS.

Sundry Accounts, for construction of shower baths, lockers, etc	$272.19
Assistant Manager Williams, etc	91.75
Coal	114.89
Light	161.44
Water Tax	34.21
Newspapers	6.00
Caretaker	34.54
Total	$715.02

N.B.—This statement has no connection with the Congregational church finances, the accounts being kept entirely separate.

JNO. SYMONS, *Treas.*

BENEFACTORS.

Article IV., Sec. 5, of the Constitution of the Institute reads :

" Friends subscribing upwards of one dollar shall have their names enrolled as benefactors for the current year. Those subscribing one hundred dollars, ($100.00), and upwards shall be life benefactors and have their names enrolled in each annual report."

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